

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Sub 1 / 1. (Twice Amended) A hollow substantially cylindrical radially expandable stent having proximal and distal open ends and a longitudinal axis extending therebetween, said stent for deployment within a human body vessel, said stent comprising:

31 a. a plurality of hoops comprising a plurality of interconnected struts, said stent having a proximal end hoop and a distal end hoop, wherein said distal end hoop and said proximal end hoop are configured to have greater radial and longitudinal strength than the hoops therebetween;

b. a plurality of sinusoidal rings connecting adjacent hoops to one another, said sinusoidal rings being formed from a plurality of alternating struts, a junction of the alternating struts of said sinusoidal rings and a junction of interconnected struts of said plurality of hoops being a common junction; and

c. proximal and distal attachment devices for securing a graft member to the substantially cylindrical radially expandable stent.